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METALLURGICAL INDUSTRIES CONCENTRATE IN SACHSEN-ANHALT -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 22 Dec 51

The Planning Commission of the German Democratic Republic has worked out arrangements for the relocation of the most strategic industries.

The metallurgical, chemical, heavy machine, and ore-mining industries are to be concentrated in Sachsen-Anhalt, the shipburlding, lumber, electrical and automotive industries in Mecklenburg and Thueringen, and the food industry in Brandenburg.

The entire industrial setup is to be reorganized on a basis of relative importance. Sachsen and Sachsen-Armalt will rank as No I industrial centers, Mecklenburg and Thueringen as No II, and Brandenburg as No III.

The shifting of industries according to this plan has already begun. Before the end of 1951, several food-producing plants in Poessneck. Thueringen, are to be transferred to Potsdam.

KEY INDUSTRIES ON 50-HOUR WORK WEEK --- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 10 Dec 51

According to the West German daily Telegraf, the Ministry of Labor in the German Democratic Republic has ordered a 50-hour work week (including Sundays) for a number of industries. This measure is said to have been taken to fulfill the USSR's increased reparation demands. The entire ore-mining industry, the coal -mining industry, part of the smelting industry, and the plants supplying these industries have been affected by this measure. The Ministry of Labor has also directed that in future women and men alike be required to work night shifts.

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